

ABSTRACT

5 A suspension and steering subassembly for a heavy truck is
provided including a subframe. The subframe includes first and
second side members extending substantially in the direction of
vehicle travel and first and second cross members extending
substantially perpendicular to the direction of vehicle travel. The
first and second cross members are integral with the first and
second side members such that the subframe is a unitary member. The
10 first and second side members and the first and second cross members
are further configured to receive first and second lower suspension
control arms, first and second upper suspension control arms, and a
portion of the steering linkage for the vehicle. The subframe may
further be configured to receive a steering gear and one or more
15 strut rods to provide fore/aft support to the subframe.

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